Select Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2024, Meeting (Hybrid via Zoom)

Via Zoom Platform

Select Board Members Present: Kristen Reed-Chair, Susan Areson-Vice Chair, John Dundas-Clerk, Stephanie Rein-Member, Robert Weinstein-Member

Select Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Paul Wisotzky-Town Moderator; Darrin Tangeman-Town Manager; Kelly Clark-Assistant Town Manager; Damion Clements-Director of Community Services; Emily Beebe-Health and Conservation Agent; Mark Gebhardt (Applicant to Serve on the Climate Action Committee); Jan Worthington (Truro Voter); Michael Forgione (Truro Voter); Dennis O'Brien (Truro Voter); Michael Cohen (Truro Resident and Building Ad Hoc Committee Member); Beverly Miller (Truro Resident); Tim Hickey (Truro Voter); Michael Forgione (Truro Voter); Ann Courtney (Beach Advisory Committee Chair); Austin Smith-Deputy Director of Recreation and Beach

Chair Reed called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm and read the information for the public to access the meeting by telephone and participate. Chair Reed introduced the Members and Town staff present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Before recognizing any individual for public comment, Chair Reed read aloud the ground rules regarding public comment.

Chair Reed asked if any member of the public wished to provide public comment and Chair Reed recognized the following individuals: Member Rein, Ms. Worthington, Mr. Forgione, Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Cohen.

Note: Mr. Cohen was unable to provide comments due to repeated technical issues.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

INTRODUCTION TO NEW EMPLOYEES/OTHER

None

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A. Interview and Possible Appointment of Candidate to Climate Action Committee-Mark Gebhardt

Chair Reed led the interview of Mr. Gebhardt and Members conducted the interview by utilizing standardized questions.

Member Weinstein made a motion to appoint Mark Gebhardt to the Climate Action Committee for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2026.
Member Dundas seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote:
Vice Chair Areson - Aye
Member Dundas - Aye
Member Weinstein - Aye
Member Rein - Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 5-0-0, motion carries.

STAFF/COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Town Meeting Planning Update
Presenters: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager, and Paul Wisotzky, Town Moderator

Chair Reed announced that members of the public would be invited to comment on this agenda item once the presentation was completed.

Town Manager Tangeman provided an update and noted that there was extensive coordination by municipal department heads and stakeholders (police chief, fire chief, DPW director, community services director, school superintendent, town clerk, and the assistant town manager) to ensure that the Town Meeting was successful.

Town Moderator Wisotzky thanked Town staff for their hard work in preparation for the Town Meeting and encouraged the public to educate themselves on the proposed articles before attending as this will make the Town Meeting run smoothly and efficiently. Town Moderator Wisotzky also announced that there was now a "Town Meeting" tab on the Town of Truro's website with important information that residents can access and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Town Moderator Wisotzky also announced his email address (moderator@truro-ma.gov) and encouraged anyone with questions about the process to contact him.

After Town Manager Tangeman and Town Moderator Wisotzky's presentation, Chair Reed recognized the following individuals who commented or asked questions about this agenda item: Ms. Worthington, Member Rein, Vice Chair Areson, Town Manager Tangeman, Assistant Town Manager Clark, Ms. Miller, Mr. Hickey, Member Dundas, and Mr. Forgione.

B. Update on FY24 Pamet River Restoration Grant
Presenters: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager, and Emily Beebe, Health and Conservation Agent

Town Manager Tangeman and Health and Conservation Agent Beebe presented an overview of the $2.1M grant and an update.

The Members and Health and Conservation Agent Beebe discussed the following highlighted topics: this agenda item meets the Select Board's goals and objectives; there is detailed information in tonight's Consent Agenda to include timelines/milestones and the restoration of salinity and no impact on drinking water.

TABLED ITEMS

None

SELECT BOARD ACTION

A. Review and Possible Approval of Paddle Craft Rack Program and Nonmotorized Watercraft Storage Program
Presenter: Damion Clements, Director of Community Services

Community Services Director Clements provided an overview of this agenda item and the request for the Select Board's approval of the two programs with input from Health and Conservation Agent Beebe.

The Members, Community Services Director Clements, and Health and Conservation Agent Beebe discussed the following highlighted topics: the prohibition of the storage of Hobie Cat crafts and kayaks on the dunes as the owners of the crafts walk across the dunes and this activity adversely impacts erosion control of the dunes; the programs are available only for Town residents; the safety concerns expressed by the Harbormaster to Community Services Director Clements; the fragility of the coastal dune particularly at Corn Hill Beach; the challenges associated with older residents having to carry their crafts from across the parking lot to the shoreline; the use of public access to the beach; and the impact on the coastal birds which nest in the dunes.

Chair Reed recognized the following individuals who commented on or asked questions on this agenda item: Ms. Courtney and Ms. Worthington.

Vice Chair Areson stated she would not vote in favor of removing Hobie Cats from the beach.

Chair Reed made a motion to approve the Paddle Craft Rack Program and Non-Motorized Watercraft Storage Program minus the Hobie Cats with the associated regulations and the fees as proposed. Member Weinstein seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote:
Vice Chair Areson – Aye
Member Weinstein - Aye
Member Dundas - Aye
Member Rein - Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 5-0-0, motion carries.

B. Review and Approval Fees for the Truro Summer Recreation Youth Program
Presenter: Damion Clements, Director of Community Services

Community Services Director Clements provided an overview of this agenda item and the request for the Select Board's approval of the proposed 2024 fees with input from Deputy Director Smith.

The Members, Community Services Director Clements, and Deputy Director of Recreation and Beach Smith discussed the following highlighted topics: the low Non-Resident fee; the number of local youth participating in Provincetown's Summer Recreation Youth Program; the discount fee for a family's

second child in the program; the reduction of revenue by $4,000; the fees compared to Provincetown as well as the lengths of the season in Truro and in Provincetown; and the anticipated higher number of participants this year over last year.

Chair Reed made a motion to approve the Summer Recreation Youth Program Fees as presented.
Member Rein seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote:
Vice Chair Areson – Aye
Member Weinstein - Aye
Member Dundas - Aye
Member Rein - Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 5-0-0, motion carries.

C. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Approval of the C.A.P.E. Public Health Collaborative Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA)
Presenter: Emily Beebe, Health and Conservation Agent

Health and Conservation Agent Beebe provided an overview of this agenda item and the request for approval of the C.A.P.E. Public Health Collaboration Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA).

The Members and Health and Conservation Agent Beebe discussed the following highlighted topics: the successful regional collaboration with other Outer Cape towns; and the consensus of the Board supporting the IMA.

Chair Reed made a motion to approve entering into the C.A.P.E. Public Health Collaborative Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) and to electronically sign.
Member Weinstein seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote:
Vice Chair Areson – Aye
Member Weinstein - Aye
Member Dundas - Aye
Member Rein - Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 5-0-0, motion carries.

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of Special and Annual Town Meeting Motions
Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Chair Reed and the Members reviewed the assigned movers for each Article and Vice Chair Areson noted that the movers on Article 5 and Article 7 on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting were transposed. Assistant Town Manager Clark apologized for the error.

Chair Reed made a motion to approve the motions for Special Town Meeting to assign movers of the Articles as discussed and with Vice Chair Areson's recommended change.
Member Weinstein seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote:
Vice Chair Areson – Aye

Member Weinstein - Aye
Member Dundas - Aye
Member Rein - Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 5-0-0, motion carries.

Special Town Meeting Articles Review & Discussion

After the vote, Chair Reed led the Members in the discussion and review of the notes from Assistant Town Manager Clark regarding the Articles that Town staff recommended be postponed indefinitely. Town Manager Tangeman also provided input.

Member Weinstein expressed concern about the implications of postponing Article 2 (Authorization of Use of 340 Route 6 for Public Works Facility) and the need to have Town Counsel present (as required by the Town Charter and confirmed by Town Manager Tangeman) at the Special Town Meeting to provide legal opinion to dispel misinformation that has been spread across Truro.

Members had a lengthy discussion about allowing the Town's voters to vote on Article 2 at the Special Town Meeting with accurate information and not indefinitely postponing Article 2. After the lengthy discussion, Chair Reed said that the discussion had resulted in a unified consensus among the Members that Article 2 would move forward to the Special Town Meeting. Assistant Town Manager Clark noted the Members' decision regarding Article 2.

Assistant Town Manager Clark then reviewed Article 3 (Borrowing Authorization for the Engineering and Construction of Public Works Facility) with the Members. Chair Reed led the discussion with the Members and the Members agreed not to indefinitely postpone the Article and noted that there could be contingencies such as a motion on the Special Town Meeting floor to amend the Article to reduce the $35M cost.

Assistant Town Manager Clark then reviewed Article 4 (Borrowing Authorization for the Engineering of Public Works Facility) with the Members and the motion will remain and contingencies will be included as discussed.

There were no changes to Article 5 (Adoption of Walsh Property Community Planning Committee Recommendations), Article 6 (Establish and Ad Hoc Walsh Property Advisory Committee), Article 7 (Adoption of Local Comprehensive Plan), Article 8 (Advisory Vote on Implementation of a Senior Pass Pilot Program), Article 11 (Amend Zoning Bylaw §30.8(B) Special Permits), and Article 12 (Amend Zoning Bylaw §40.1 Duplex Houses and Apartments; and §30.2 Use Table).

Members agreed to indefinitely postpone Article 9 (Amend General Bylaws to Add New Chapter IX Stormwater Management by Drainage, Erosion, and Sediment Control), Article 10 (Amend General Bylaws Chapter IV Public Safety to Add New Section 7 Curb Cuts), Article 13 (Article to Continue Community Involvement in the Walsh Design and Development Process – Petitioned Article), Article 14 (DPW Campus Design and Development Project for Town Hall Hill – Petitioned Article), and Article 15 (Senior Pass Program – Petitioned Article).

Chair Reed then assigned the following Members to be movers in the motions if the petitioned Article petitioners did not wish to postpone their respective Articles: Article 13 (Member Rein), Article 14 (Member Weinstein), and Article 15 (Member Dundas).

Annual Town Meeting Articles Review & Discussion

Chair Reed then briefly reviewed the Articles for the Annual Town Meeting and noted that Town staff will assign Members as movers. Member Rein requested to be the mover for Article 14 (Borrowing Authorization for Mill Pond Culvert Replacement and Salt Marsh Restoration) and for Article 39 (Advisory to Establish a Town Seal Committee). There were no objections.

E. Discussion and Possible Approval of Regulations for Short-Term and Long-Term Rentals
Presenter: Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager

Chair Reed announced that the Members would not vote on this agenda item this evening but will vote at the next meeting on April 25, 2024.

Town Manager Tangeman, with input from Assistant Town Manager Clark, provided an overview of this agenda item.

The Members, Town Manager Tangeman, and Assistant Town Manager Clark discussed the following highlighted topics: the draft regulations and additional language, removed language, and/or clarified language as recommended by Town Counsel, and the proposed requirement of a rental property owner reporting the number of vehicles at the property.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Reed asked if any Member had suggested edits or comments on the Consent Agenda. Vice Chair Areson noted that she had sent several typographical corrections to Town staff on the minutes. Vice Chair Areson also noted that on the February 13, 2024, minutes, on page 5, regarding the curb cut at Mill Pond Road, the following additional sentence be added "DPW Director Jarrod Cabral told the Board that grubbing and scrapping had been done and that it was allowed to do that without a permit" to those minutes. There were no objections and Vice Chair Areson told Town Manager Tangeman that she would send the edit for the additional sentence to Town staff.

A. Review/Approve and Authorize Signature:
1. MassDOT Event Notification Form for Second Summer Cycle
2. FY22/23 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Contract with The Resources Inc and Certified Board Vote for Housing Rehabilitation Mortgages
3. FY24 Pamet River Restoration Standard Contract with Scope of Services
4. Seasonal Weekday Entertainment License and Application-Sustainable Cape Farmer's Market

B. Review and Approve Appointment Renewals: None
C. Review and Approve 2024 Seasonal Business Licenses: Days Market and Deli (Transient Vendor and Common Victualer), Jules Besch Stationers (Transient Vendor)
Review and Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes: February 8, 2024, Work Session Minutes; February 13, 2024 Minutes; March 7, 2023 Minutes

Chair Reed made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as printed in the packet with Vice Chair Areson's recommended editorial change for the minutes of February 13, 2024.
Member Weinstein seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote:
Vice Chair Areson – Aye
Member Weinstein - Aye
Member Dundas - Aye
Member Rein - Aye
Chair Reed – Aye
So voted, 5-0-0, motion carries.

SELECT BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

Member Rein reported that she recently attended the Commission on Disabilities meeting and members departed after thirty minutes as there was not a quorum of members present. Member Rein said that the Commission on Disabilities and the Climate Action Committee could use additional members. Member Rein noted that the members of the Commission on Disabilities may join the meetings virtually or in person. Member Rein reminded the public that animals are on the move during this time of the year and for motorists to slow down for the otters, turtles, and turkeys.

Member Weinstein reported that he had attended all of the Ad Hoc DPW Building Committee meetings and noted that there have been several technical issues regarding accessibility to the meetings. Member Weinstein thanked the Ad Hoc DPW Building Committee members for their hard work as they moved to complete their work by April 22, 2024. Member Weinstein noted that Weston & Sampson representatives will attend the remaining Ad Hoc DPW Building Committee meetings and answer questions regarding the site work. Member Weinstein reiterated his confidence in the members of the Ad Hoc DPW Building Committee as they focused on 340 Route 6 and reducing the cost of the DPW Facility.

Member Dundas announced that the Concert Committee had received a grant from the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod and the grant amount was yet to be determined. Regarding the closure of Longnook, Member Dundas cautioned anyone from going there as he has never seen it that bad. The Provincetown Water & Sewer Board will meet on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 2 pm. This meeting will be expanded and Member Dundas will report back to the Members at the next Select Board meeting.

Vice Chair Areson announced that this Thursday, the Climate Action Committee will host "Oceans vs. Plastics" at the Truro Public Library at 6 pm. The Board of Health met last week on April 2, 2024, and had a great presentation on Narcan by the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod. You may view the presentation on the Town website. Narcan boxes are now available at Truro Public Library and at the Community Center. Narcan is also available from Health and Conservation Agent Beebe. The Harbor Commission recently met and asked Harbormaster Tony Jackett to post the mooring waiting list on the Truro website. The Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission (CCNSAC) met yesterday, and Superintendent Jennifer Flynn announced that there would be a rededication ceremony on May 3, 2024, at Highland Light. Vice Chair Areson mentioned water resources, freshwater and wastewater, housing, zoning, fire roads, and fire trails. The CCNSAC's next meeting will be held on July 5, 2024, and the agenda will include discussions on water resources and dune shacks.

Chair Reed announced that she was disturbed to hear that police officers were present today at the Town Hall meeting regarding campaign signs and yielded her time to Town Manager Tangeman who reviewed the rules regarding campaign signs.

For the upcoming election on May 29, 2024, Town Manager Tangeman reviewed the campaign sign permitting process through the Planning Board for campaign sign postings on Truro property, the rules regarding campaign sign postings on private property, and the situations where the Town will remove campaign signs and store them for the candidates to pick the signs up to post legally.

The Members then discussed minimum campaign sign distances along Truro roads and state highways. Town Manager Tangeman noted Town Clerk Elisabeth Verde will email all the candidates and encourage them to do the right thing.

Town Manager Tangeman also addressed the number of hours that Town staff spends on Public Records Requests that Mr. Forgione had mentioned during the public comment period of tonight's meeting. Town Manager Tangeman noted that the number of hours maintained by Town staff was more significant than Mr. Forgione's inaccurate number of hours. Town Manager Tangeman said that the Town can only charge for specific items associated with the Public Records Request. Chair Reed noted that Mr. Forgione's numbers were inaccurate and incomplete.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Tangeman said that the virtual Pre-Special Town Meeting will be held on April 11, 2024, at 5:30 pm so the public may attend to have a better understanding of the process and the articles. Town Manager Tangeman commented and concurred with Member Weinstein's previous comments about the innovative approaches being taken by the Ad Hoc DPW Building Committee. Town Manager Tangeman also stated the vetting process for the construction company selected for the DPW Facility as well as the benefits of collaborating with the company that has been in business for over 25 years.

Chair Reed asked Town Manager Tangeman if he knew what Mr. Cohen intended to say during the public comment period and he replied that Mr. Cohen wanted to provide the community with an Ad Hoc DPW Building Committee update.

Town Manager Tangeman said that he had met today with Cape Cod National Seashore Superintendent Jennifer Flynn to discuss State Representative Julian Cyr's proposal to use the former Jack's Gas with the adjacent state highway facility as a possible DPW site, and noted that it would delay the construction of the DPW Facility.

Chair Reed noted that the next scheduled meeting on April 23, 2024, was on the second night of Passover and suggested a meeting date on April 25, 2024. There were no objections.

Chair Reed also noted that there would be an executive session and a work session before the end of April to discuss Town Manager Tangeman's contract. Chair Reed proposed a work session at 10 am, an executive session at 4 pm, and the regular meeting at 5 pm on April 25, 2024. There were no objections.

Chair Reed and Town Manager Tangeman reviewed the agenda for the next Select Board meeting on April 25, 2024. Due to the number of agenda items, Chair Reed then announced that the executive session would be at 3 pm and the regular meeting would be at 4 pm.

Town Manager Tangeman announced that the Annual Town Meeting Warrant was with the printer and posted on the Town website later this week and hard copies would be available once delivered. Town Meeting updates will be posted on the Truro website.

Member Dundas made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm.
Member Weinstein seconded the motion.
By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander O. Powers
Board/Committee/Commission Support Staff

Kristen Reed, Chair

Susan Areson, Vice Chair

John Dundas, Clerk

Stephanie Rein, Member

Robert Weinstein, Member

Public Records Material Attachments
Legal Notice
Application to Serve- Mark Gebhardt
Paddle Craft Rack Regulations
Non-Motorized Watercraft Storage Regulations
Picture of Padde Craft/Watercraft Storage on Corn Hill Beach
Paddle Craft Rack Location – Great Hollow Beach
Paddle Craft Rack Location – Corn Hill Beach
Proposed Summer Recreation Youth Program Fees – 2024
IMA Document
Special Town Meeting Motions (with notes)
List of Annual Town Meeting Articles
Existing General Bylaw, Chapter II, Section 1
Article 32: General Bylaw Amendment – Prohibitions Related to Short-Term Rental of Residential Properties
Draft Regulations (to be provided by Town Counsel in advance of the meeting)

Event Notification Form and Application for Permit for Organized Bike & Road Races for Second Summer Cycle
Contract with The Resources Inc. and the Town of Truro
Authorization for TRI to sign loan subordinations and discharges on behalf of the Town's Housing Rehabilitation Program
Standard State Contract
Scope of Services
Entertainment Application Signed by Chief of Police
2024 Seasonal Application for Days Market and Deli
2024 Seasonal Application for Jules Besch Stationers